

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, JA

SUBJECT: JAPAN PRESS WORRIED ABOUT TRADE WAR WITH EC

REF: TOKYO 945

1. JAPANESE PRESS TREATMENT OF LATEST EUROPEAN ACTIONS AND THREATS AIMED AT JAPAN--IMPOSING DUMPING DUTIES ON BALL BEARINGS, A CONTINUED HARD LINE ON SHARING OF SHIP ORDERS, RENEWED CALLS FOR GREATER PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS-- IS EXPRESSIONG "FEAR OF TRADE WAR". IMPOSITION OF DUMPING DUTIES CAME AS PARTICULAR SURPRISE SINCE JAPANESE BELIEVED A COMPROMISE SOLUTION WAS POSSIBLE THROUGH NEGOTIATION. FEAR NOW IS THAT EUROPE WILL ASK JAPAN TO RESTRAIN ITS EXPORTS ONE BY ONE AND IF NOT SATISFIED WILL WITH ALACRITY IMPOSE UNILATERAL MEASURES TO SHUT THEM OUT.

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2. ALTHOUGH SHAKEN BY LATEST EC ACTIONS, GOJ DOES NOT YET APPEAR WILLING TO TAKE A UNIFORMLY STRONG STAND. IN DIET INTERPELLATIONS PM FUKUDA CALLED ON PRIVATE INDUSTRY TO EXERCISE SELF-RESTRAINT IN EXPORTS TO EUROPE AND TO "PAY ATTENTION" TO EXPORTS TO THE U.S. AS WELL. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT APPEARS THAT AT LEAST SOME POLICY MAKERS FAVOR TAKING JAPAN'S CASE FOR BALL

BEARINGS TO THE GATT.

3. COMMENT: OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT THE GOJ WILL TAKE  
UP EACH CASE SEPARATELY ON ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC  
MERITS IN A DAMAGE-LIMITING STRATEGY.

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